

ONE SARATOGA CLUB GIVES UP

WESTCOTT CLOSING MANHATTAN CLUB FOR SEASON.

He Had a Vision, Which, Officially Interpreted, Was Explained to Mean "Close Up." It's Sorry Now That He Spent So Much Money on Improvements.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 6.—The Manhattan Club, next to the clubhouse the most swagging, gambling place in Saratoga, closed for the season to-night, and thereby loses a fairly large sum of money.

When the racing crowd got here on Sunday night they were told that there was nothing doing in the way of house gambling. They learned that the only part of the club that was open was the restaurant, that the same condition prevailed at the Manhattan and that the four or five other gambling houses were closed tight, except one alleged to have been run by Alexander McManis in Congress street, opposite the main entrance of the Grand Union Hotel.

Some comment was made on the fact that the place alleged to be the property of one of the village fathers was allowed to go to bed. There was not time for any comment, however, for the police swooped down on the place, captured the gamblers and arrested the waiter who was being picked out as the ringleader, and that no effort was being made to find out whether the big gamblers were doing business. The other houses were closed tight, and all the other houses, with the possible exception of Canfield's, were doing business on the quiet.

It is not for THE SUN correspondent to say whether the Hon. Mr. Jerome knew what he was talking about or not, but the same facts. The Manhattan Club is in Spring street, near the corner of Broadway and the side entrance to Congress Hotel. The property, which is one of the most valuable for its frontage in Saratoga, is owned by the late James W. Westcott, formerly of the First Methodist Church of Newburyport, Mass., but now a resident of New York, with a house at 160 West 44th street.

It may be said in passing that Police Inspector Max Schmittberger knows of persons for whom he has a warrant, but the deacon has been the inspector at his own game more than once, so the Baron Max may be forgiven.

Not long before Aug. 1 the Manhattan Club opened, but as a high-class restaurant, instead of a gambling place. The great gaming room was turned over to the waiter and a corps of well-trained waiters waited for customers. That part of the club which had been used in former seasons for dining room was closed. The dining room was locked, but the story got abroad that it was sometimes unlocked and that men were seen about the hotel. If a man could only get inside that particular door he might, like Helen's babies, see the wheels go round.

Those stories got as far up Broadway as the United States Hotel on Tuesday night. How long it took for them to travel two blocks further northward, but last evening, while Deacon Westcott was at prayer meeting (Wednesday night is prayer meeting night in Saratoga), the story was being told to the waiter on the wall.

When he got back to the club he met a man who looked like one having authority, and to him he told the story of the game being on the wall, and asked the meaning. "The meaning is clear," was the answer. "It means close up."

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THINK NEGRO'S STORY A MYTH.

Police Sure Unidentified Man Met No Fool Play.

The man whose naked body was found in the Hudson River at the foot of 125th street on Tuesday, and who has not yet been identified, was neither dragged nor beaten before he went into the river, as Edward Cotton, the negro said he was, but his death was due to drowning. That much was shown by the autopsy performed at the Morgue yesterday by Coroner's Physician Schultz. Furthermore, Dr. Schultz declared that the body had not been in the water more than eight or ten hours when it was found, while, according to the yarn told by the negro Cotton, the man had been in the water four days.

If Cotton was telling the truth when he said that the two negroes, Joseph Wilson and Charles Carter, dragged and robbed a white man and threw him overboard on Friday night, the police think there is some truth in the story. The man whose body was found in the river, Capt. McNally and his detectives of the 125th street station have about come to the conclusion that Cotton was lying, and that the man was drowned accidentally.

"If the District Attorney is willing," said Capt. McNally last night, "I see no reason why Carter and Wilson shouldn't be discharged. There is not the slightest corroboration of Cotton's story."

The police think that Cotton's motive in living Carter and Wilson into jail was a struggle. Cotton was arrested himself, early last week on the charge of stealing some clothes from William Organ, a negro. He said that he was the victim of a swindle, and that he would get square with the gang that was against him. Wilson and Carter are friends of Organ and belong to the same gang.

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FORTESCUE'S A MAN OF MIGHT

COLLEGE TALES OF SOLDIER WHO STOPPED DR. HOUGHTON'S CAB.

Just Been Promoted First Lieutenant, U. S. Cavalry—Served in Rough Riders—Stepson of Robert B. Roosevelt, the President's Uncle, and Son of the Late Marion T. Fortescue.

The soldier who left the young woman he was escorting and stopped the Rev. Dr. Houghton's runaway cab horse in Fifth avenue Wednesday afternoon is better known to New York as "Rolly" Fortescue, perhaps, than as First Lieut. Granville Roland Fortescue of the Fourth Cavalry. He is a stepson of Robert B. Roosevelt, uncle of the President. The pluck and strength he exhibited while the horse was dragging him about on the streets, and his success in stopping the runaway cab, have made him a popular figure in the city.

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CONRAD SCHROEDER A SUICIDE.

Rich Scranton Contractor Kills Himself—Wall Street Slump Blamed.

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 6.—Conrad Schroeder, contractor, who was worth a million, was found dead in his room at the home here to-day, and a bullet was in his temple. It is generally regarded as a case of suicide. Mr. Schroeder returned last night from New York. The story is current here this evening that he shot himself because part of his fortune was swept away by the slump in Wall Street of the past few days.

GRAHAM BELL TO FLY

And Langley With Him, to Prove That They Can Navigate the Air.

BADDECK, C. B., Aug. 6.—Prof. Alexander Graham Bell has gone forward solving the airship problem. In a few days he will make an experiment which he hopes will place the feasibility of the airship beyond peradventure. Prof. S. P. Langley of the Smithsonian Institution, at Washington, will arrive here in a day or two and be associated with Prof. Bell in the conduct of the experiment.

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Gen. S. R. Miles Will Have the Honor of Serving as the Last General Commanding the Army and as the First Chief of Staff—Gen. Corbin's Office Moved.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The retirement from active service of Lieut.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles was announced at the War Department Saturday morning. Gen. Miles has already prepared a farewell address to the army, which will be issued on the day of his retirement from the office of Commanding General of the Army.

Gen. Miles will be succeeded in rank and duties by Major-Gen. S. B. M. Young, who will be promoted to be Lieutenant-General, and will at the same time be assigned to the command of the army. Under the staff bill, which becomes a law at the last session of Congress, the General Staff will come into legal existence Aug. 15. Upon that date the office of the General in command of the army will cease, and in its place there will be a Chief of Staff.

Secretary Root has announced the election of Gen. Young to be the first Chief of Staff, so he will leave the honor of serving as the last General commanding the army and as the first Chief of Staff. He will fill the first office, however, but one week, during the interim between the retirement of Gen. Miles and the formation of the General Staff.

Arrangements have already been made at the War Department for the change. Army Headquarters, in the War Department, where Gen. Miles and his staff have been located, will be turned over to the General Staff, and the room now occupied by Gen. Miles' office will be used for the sessions of the General Staff.

It has been considered fitting that the Chief of Staff should be located as near as possible to the Secretary of War, and Adjutant-General Corbin, who now occupies a room next to that of the Secretary of War, has selected another room, further along the corridor, and Gen. Young will occupy the room which was the scene of many interesting events during the war with Spain. In this room, Gen. Corbin spent many nights waiting for important messages from Gen. Shafter in Cuba, and it was here that Lieut.-Col. Roosevelt, after receiving his commission in the Rough Riders, said good-bye to Gen. Corbin before departing for Tampa.

The removal of Gen. Corbin's office does not mean that his influence in any capacity will be less. He has been assigned to duty with the General Staff, and as the next ranking officer to Gen. Young will be the Assistant Chief of Staff. For the army he will retain his post as the head of the Adjutant-General's Department, and though a gradual merger of the two offices may take place, it is not intended that there shall be any immediate change.

The retirement of Gen. Miles and the resulting promotions will bring about some other changes in the General Staff. Gen. Miles is at present president of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification, and his successor will have to be determined upon by Secretary Root. It is understood that Gen. Gillespie, Chief of Engineers, the second ranking member of the board, will become the new president of the board.

RESERVE FOR RAILROADS.

Plea for Long Delay in Fitting With Safety Appliances Not Granted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—An extension till Oct. 15 of the time limit in which railroads must be fully equipped with safety appliances was granted to-day to the Boston and Maine, the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe, the Pennsylvania, Erie, and Norfolk and Western roads.

The extension was made as a bribe as possible so that the Interstate Commerce Commission might have a chance to investigate the merits of the claims of the various roads for a long extension. It is believed that the commission will be able to determine by Oct. 15 whether any of the roads should get the desired postponement. The extension granted to-day is merely for the purpose of information, and does not mean that the wisdom of the railroad for a long postponement of the date fixed by statute.

POSTMEN ASK FOR MORE PAY.

Payne Promises a Committee to Make a Recommendation of Some Kind.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—A committee of the executive board of the National Association of Letter Carriers, consisting of M. A. Fitzgerald of New York, E. C. Glinn of New York, and J. C. Glinn of New York, secretary of the association, called on Postmaster-General Payne this morning. They were introduced by Representative Corner of Indiana, a member of the House Committee on Post Office and Post Roads. The purpose of the visit was to urge the Postmaster-General to recommend an increase in the wages of the letter carriers of the country. Mr. Payne listened for an hour to the arguments of the members of the committee and promised to take the matter under advisement and to make a recommendation of some kind.

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